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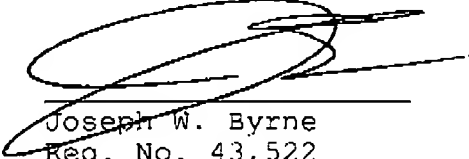
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The following items are attached:

In response to the Office Action of June 22, 2004,
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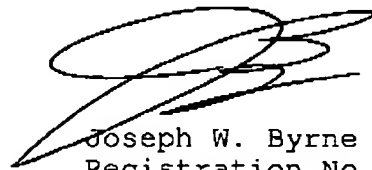
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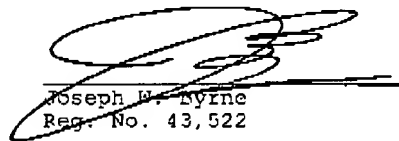
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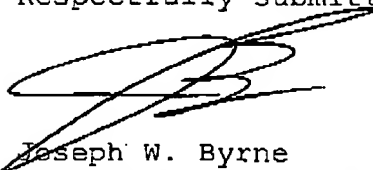
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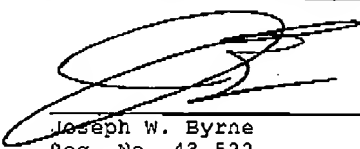
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of June 22, 2004, the period for response of which is hereby extended by three months. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.